
Automatic Bayesian inference for LISA data analysis

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Purpose of the talk

- Object: - data analysis **strategies**
- Goals: - analysis of **unknown number** of partially overlapping **Gravitational Waves**
- Method: - **Bayes' theorem**
- **automatic Reversible Jump Markov Chain Monte Carlo (RJMCMC)**
simulations◆
- Outline: Data Analysis, Application, Discussion



Bayes' Theorem

$$p(K, \vec{\Theta}_K | D) = \frac{p(K)p(\vec{\Theta}_K | K)p(D|K, \vec{\Theta}_K)}{\sum_{K'} p(K')p(\vec{\Theta}'_{K'} | K')p(D|K', \vec{\Theta}'_{K'})d\vec{\Theta}'_{K'}}$$

↑ Prior ↑ Likelihood
↓ Posterior ↓ Normalisation

D

= Data

K

= number of signals

$\vec{\Theta}_K$

= parameters of signals + noise



Data Analysis

Goal:

- find joint posterior

$$p(K, \Theta_K \mid D)$$

- marginalise joint posterior

$$p(\Theta_K^j \mid K, D)$$

Implementation:

- create a Markov chain with states $x = (K, \Theta_K)$

- distribute x according to joint posterior (sampling)

Green, *Biometrika* **82**, 711-732 (1995)

LISA: e.g. Umstaetter et al., *PRD* **72**, 022001 (2006)

MCMC: Cornish & Crowder, *PRD* **72**, 043005 (2005)

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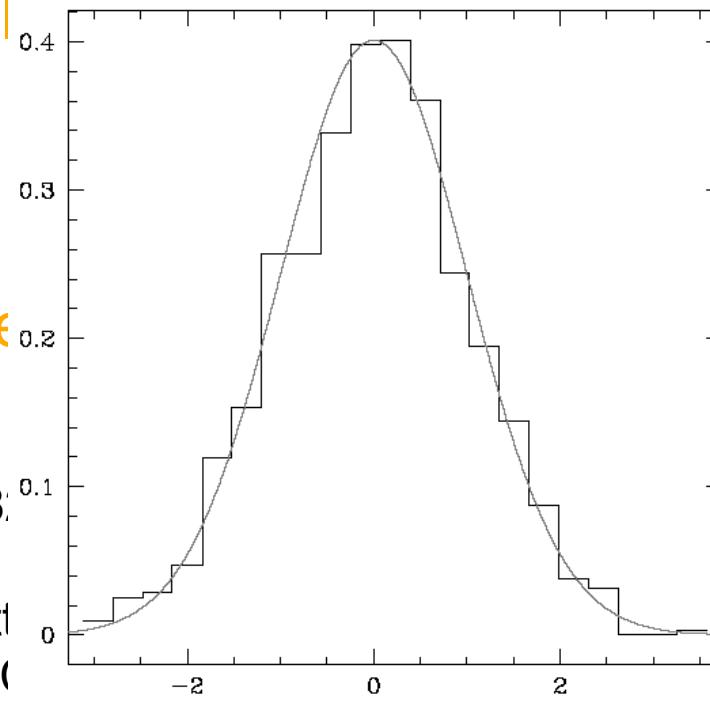
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05 (2005)

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Technique:

- Metropolis-Hastings sampling
approximate
acceptance new states: $\alpha \sim \text{likelihood}(x_{\text{new}})/\text{likelihood}(x_{\text{old}})$
- Adaption for automation
Hastie, PhD thesis (2005)
Atchade/Rosenthal (2003, revised 2005)
“On Adaptive Markov Chain Monte Carlo Algorithms”
- multiple processor application
Rosenthal (1999) “Parallel computing and Monte Carlo algorithms”



Application

Data set:

- 2 Michelson Observable , time domain
- LISA orbit and modulations
- Long Wavelength Approximation

Cutler, *PRD* 57, 7089C (1998)

Signals:

- overlapping sources
- Sources relevant for LISA
 - 1) Binaries: White Dwarf (WD)
 - 2) Binaries: Black Hole + WD
 - 3) EMRI

Goal:

- fit-all-at-once
- find number of signals
- find noise level
- determine joint posterior, marginalised posterior
- determine effect of degree of overlap



Setup:

- 2 signals (no fdot)
- diverse degree of overlap
- search up to 3 signals
- Gaussian white noise
- maximum # parameters: 22
(7+7+7+1)
- half a year observation time



1) White dwarf binaries

Application

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Δt [sec]	100			
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σ_{Noise}	0.1			
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f [mHz]	3.23	3.23065	3.23	3.23003
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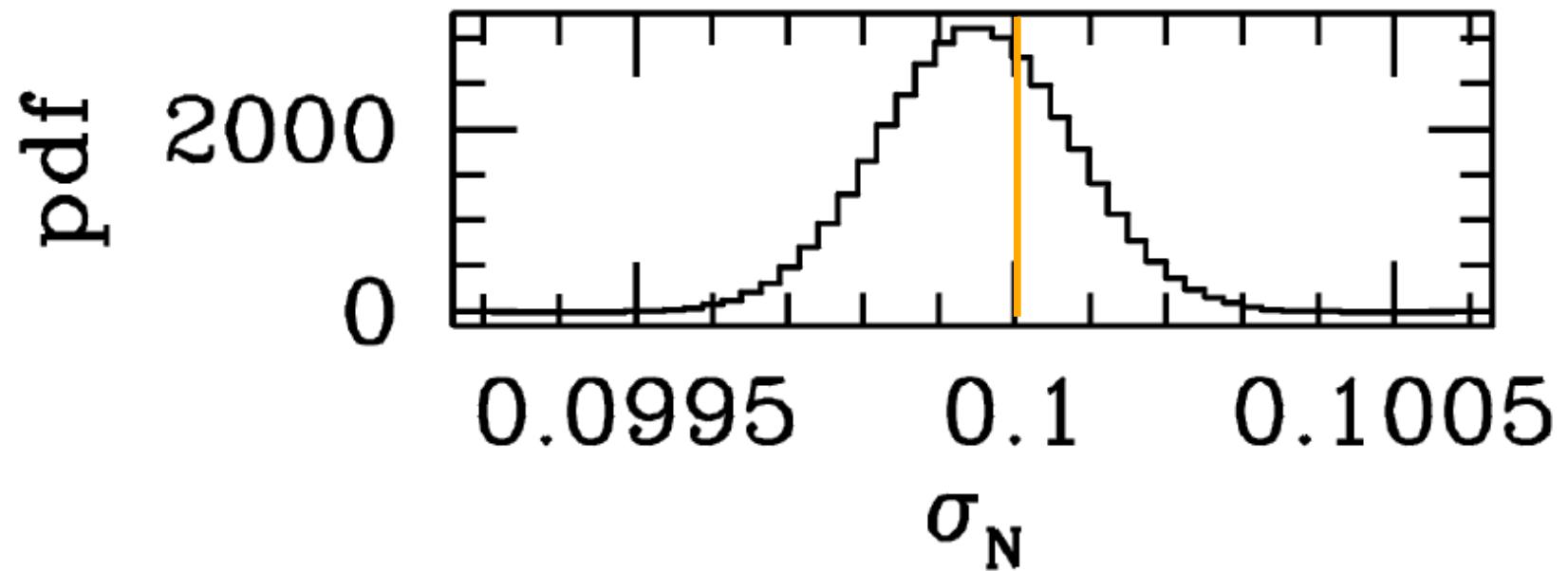
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Match	0.02	0.77
K=1	0.3 %	0.0 %
K=2	99.7 %	67.3 %
K=3	0.0 %	32.7 %



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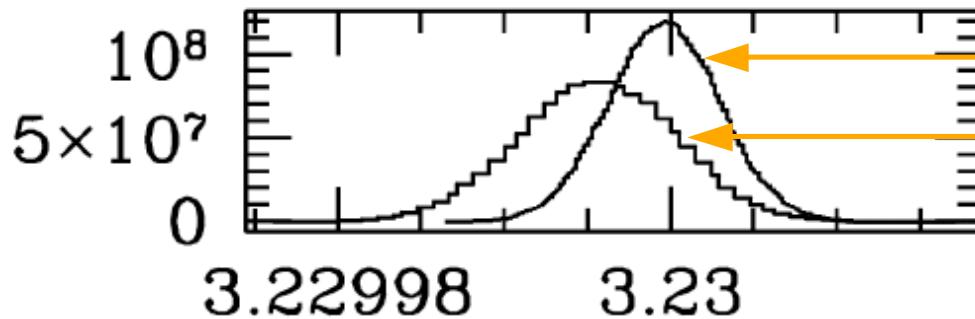
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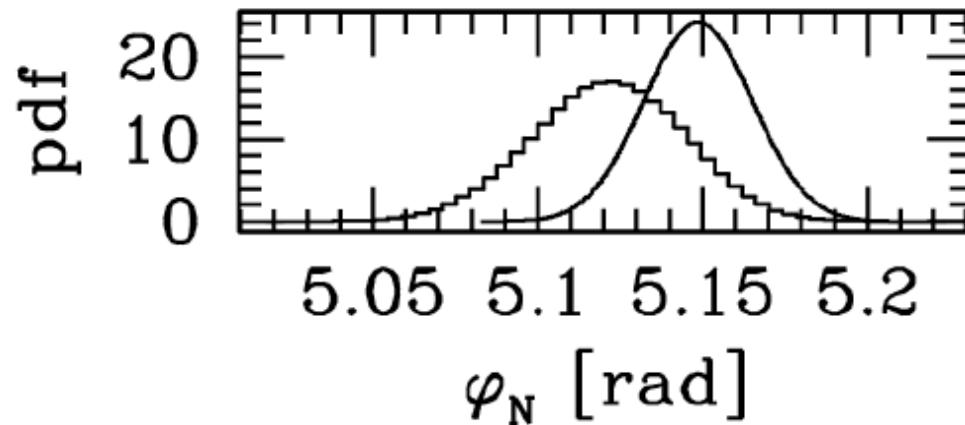
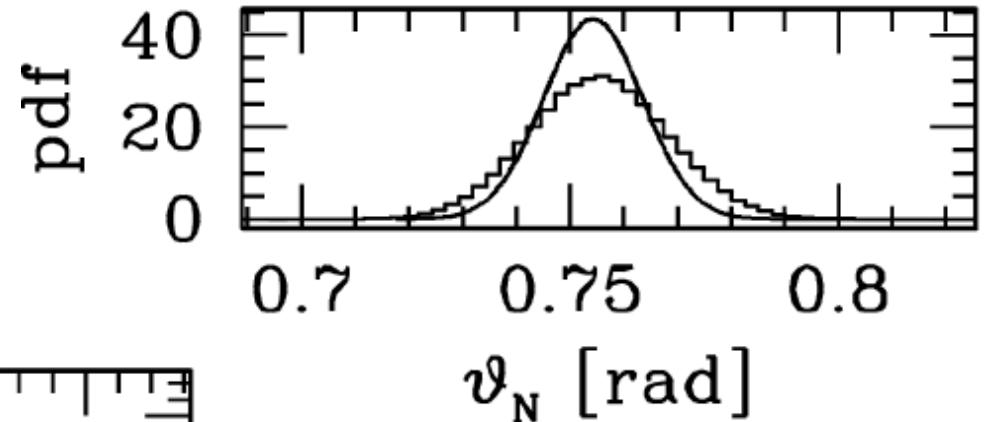


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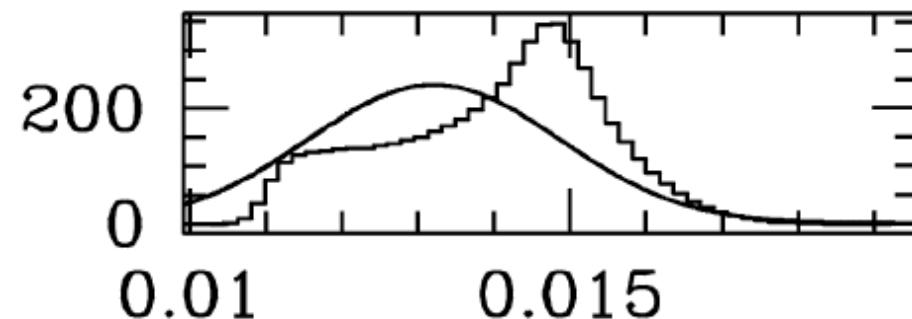
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⇒ Result: non-Gaussian posterior in case of correlated parameters



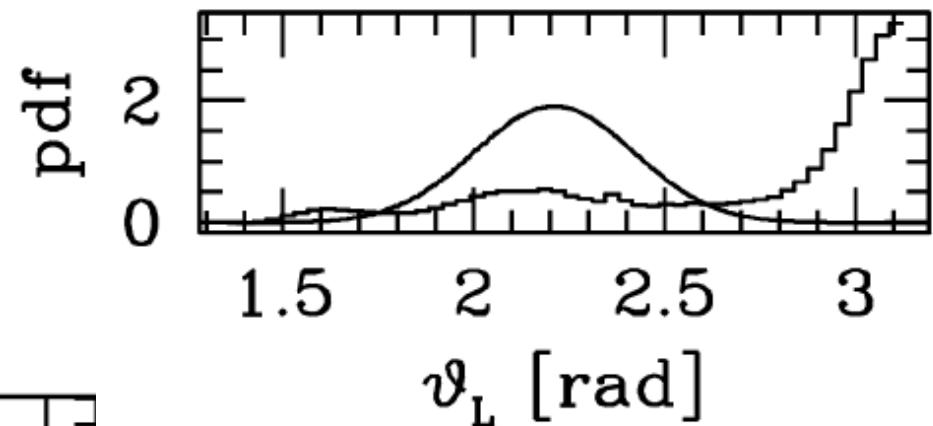
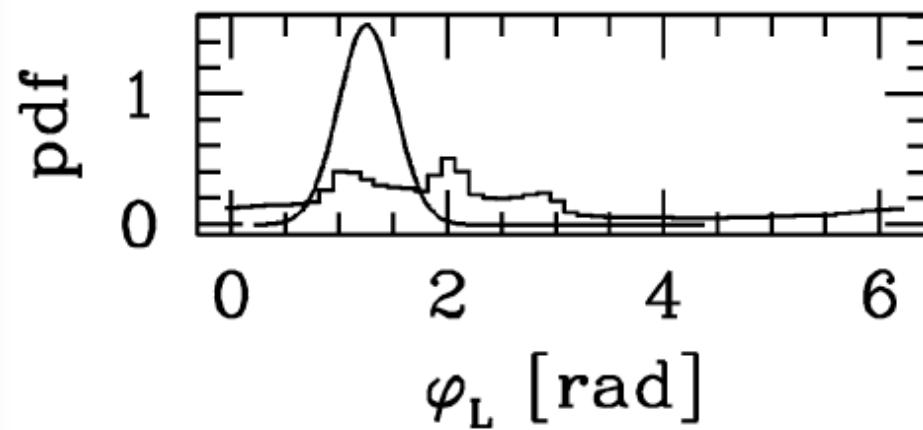
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“ES Cet”: match 0.02



ϑ_L [rad]



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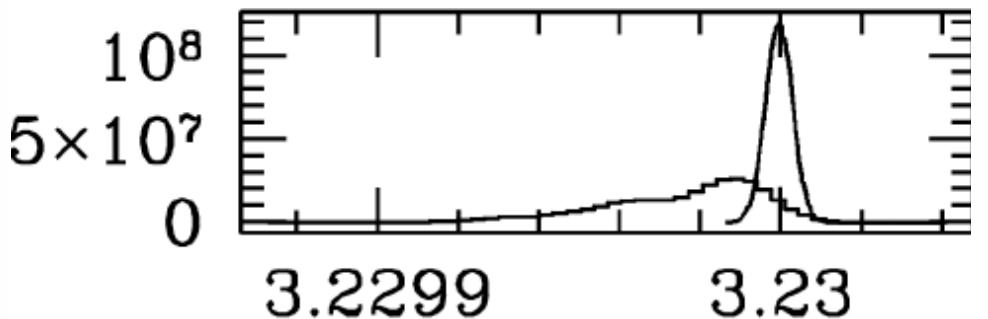
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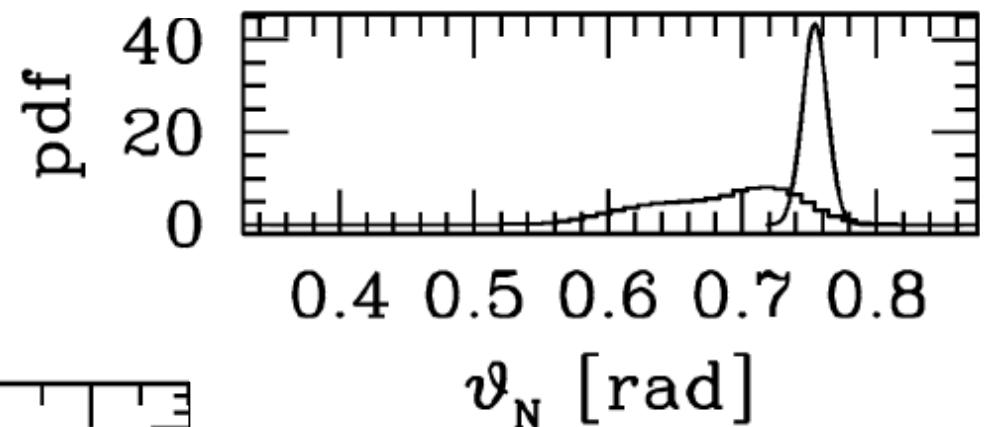
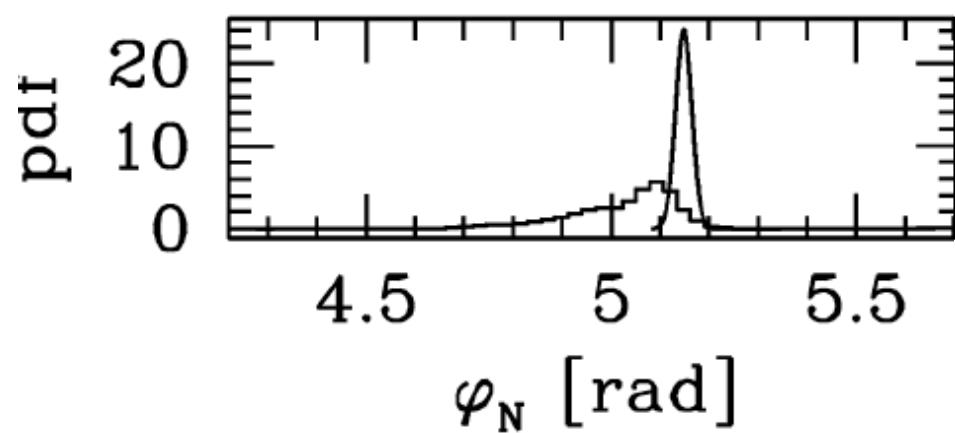


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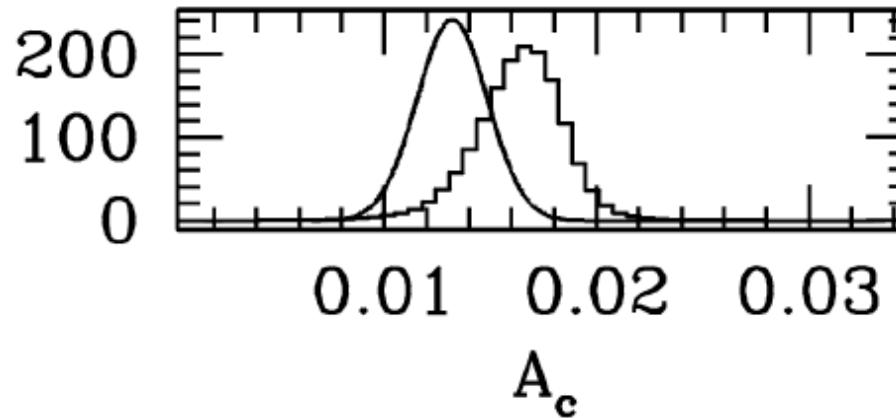
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⇒ Result: high match and same geometry degrades parameter measurement

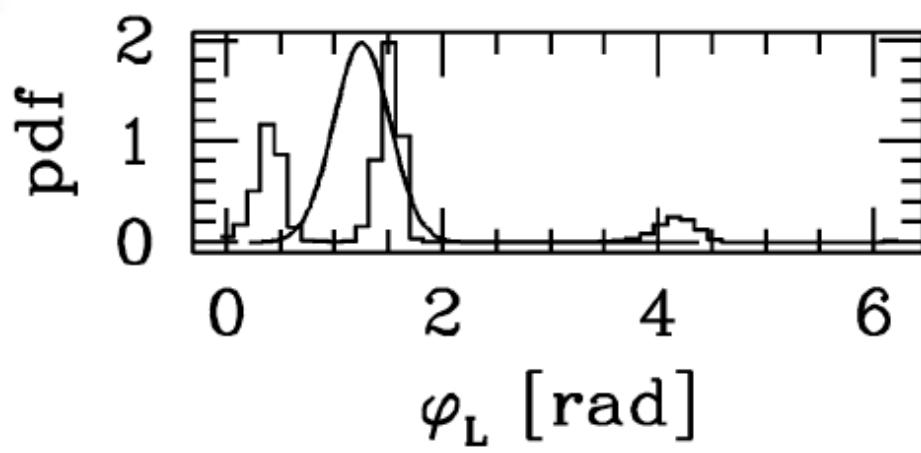
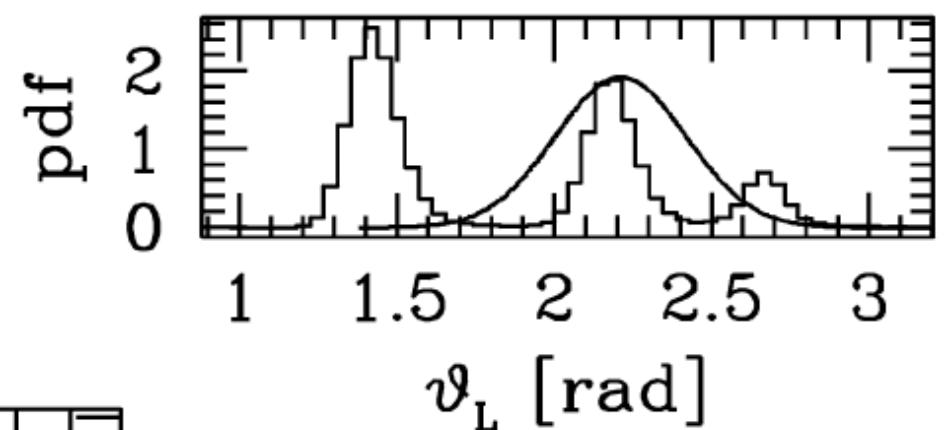


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2) Black hole and white dwarf binaries

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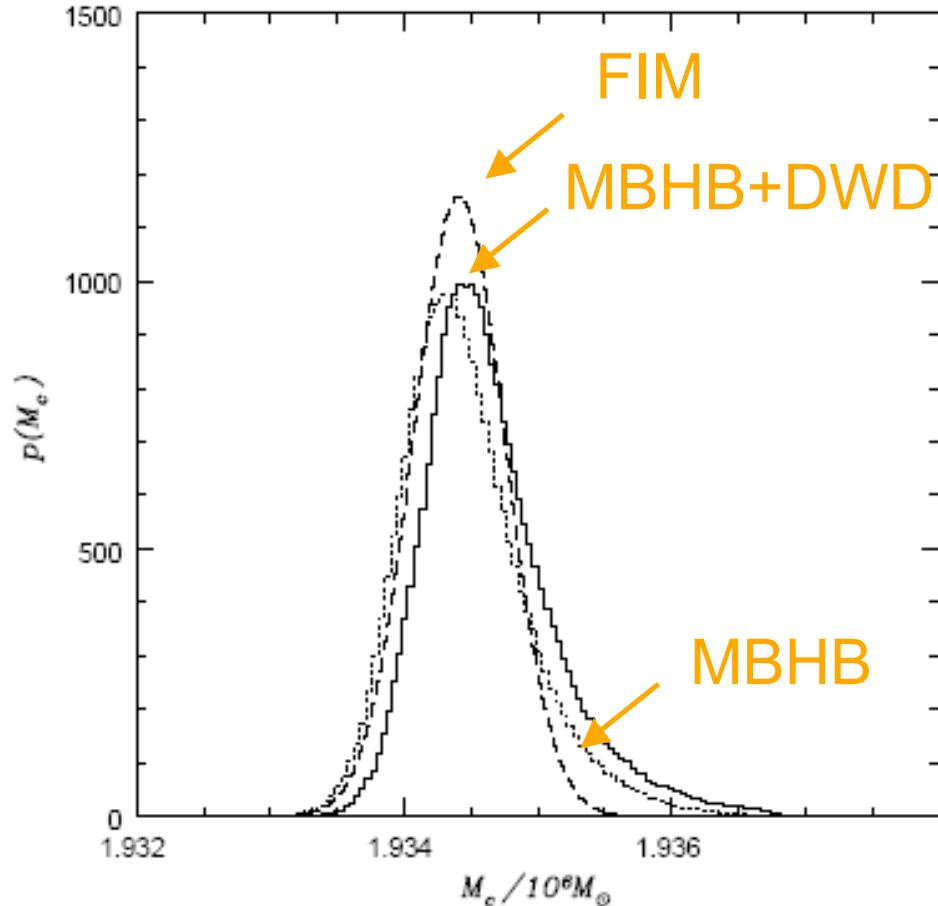
MBHB: $\rho = 250$
(Newtonian)
DWD: $\rho = 45$
(no fdot)

#Parameters: 8+7+1

$T_{\text{obs}} = 11$ days

Result: Untangling
of signals successful

Wickham, Stroeer &
Vecchio, gr-qc/0605071



3) Extreme mass ratio inspirals

Application

EMRI: $\rho = 80$

- Simplified
Barack & Cutler 04
- $e=0.2$

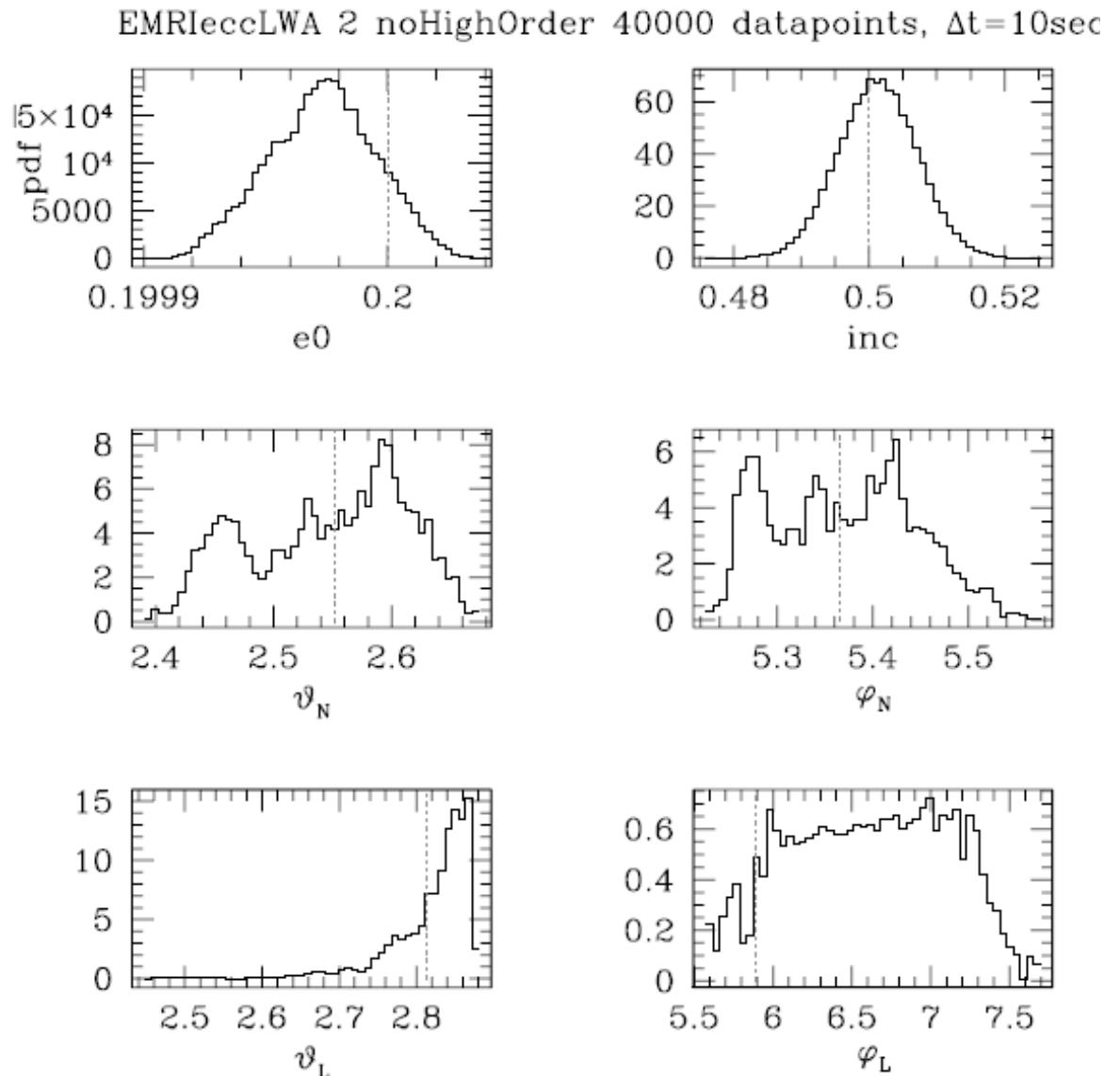
$T_{\text{obs}} = 4 \text{ days}$

tuned $\mu = 10^3 M_{\odot}$

Parameters: 11+1

Result: Determination
of signal successful

In collaboration with
J. Gair



Advantage:

- automatic approach (user friendly)
- plug and play signal structures / data
- transdimensional approach (# signals not set)

Problems:

- long runtimes
- Bias / Offset

Way forward:

- hybrid Generic Algorithms
- Perfect Sampling



End of talk



EMRI simplification:

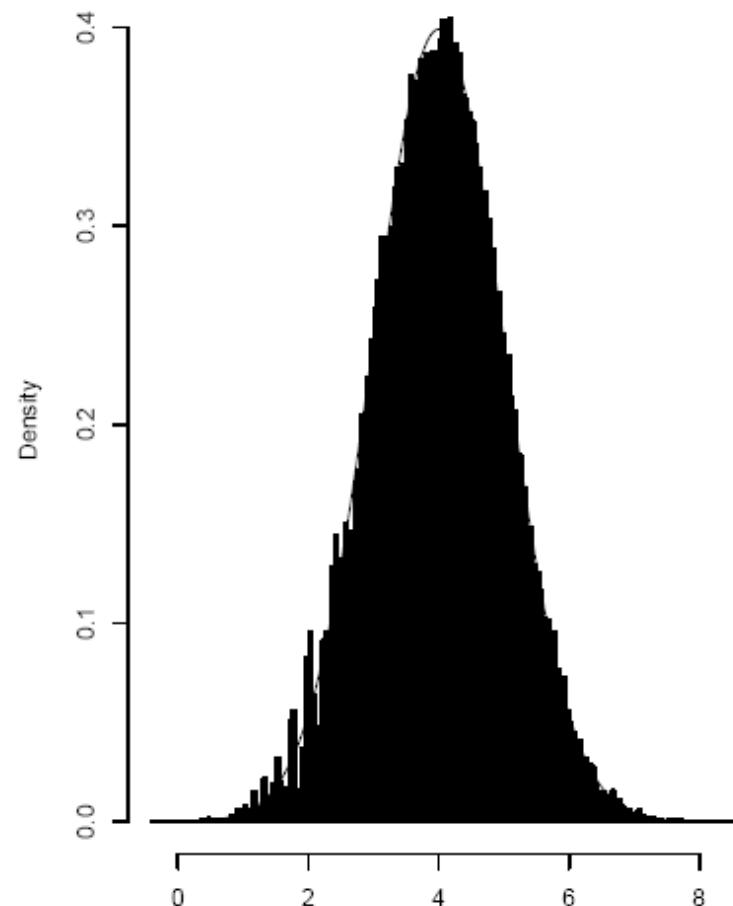
J. Gair: “We use only the lowest order term in each of the imposed precessions and in the evolution of v/e , and expand the orbit to fourth order in eccentricity” (email contact)



Discussion

Bias / Offset:

100000 draws using AIMH



100000 draws using MH

